

Maul Homestead
Lewes, Sussex County, Delaware.

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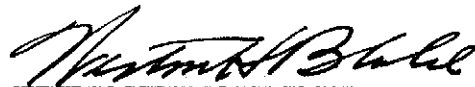
Pilotown Road - Lewes - Sussex County
Delaware

Date of Erection: Early 18th. Century

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Frame with cypress
shingles siding typical of this locality.
Wood shingle gambrel roof.



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THOMAS MAULL HOUSE

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An addendum to
Maull House
Lewes, Delaware
in HABS Catalog (1941)

Location: Pilot Town Road, Lewes, Sussex County,
Delaware

Present Owner: Daughters of the American Revolution

Brief Statement
of Significance: This gambrel roofed, one-and-a-half
story, frame house, built ca. 1750,
has a regionally typical plan char-
acterised by a "great room" with a
winding, closed stair beside a large
fireplace.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Thomas Maull house on Pilot Town Road, in Lewes, is a gambrel-roofed, one-story-and-attic wooden building, its walls sheathed with bald-cypress shingles, painted white. It was built about 1750.

At first glance, it is difficult from the outside to gauge the age of old Sussex County shingle-sheathed houses. Unpainted sheathing, from the action of wind and weather, soon takes on the appearance of age. Paint completes the disguise. On second glance, the lines of the roof, and the spacing and dimensions of the windows furnish almost the only clue.

It is not until one gets inside that all kinds of minor details and characteristics become evident and yield their combined testimony, from which one is able to arrive at a reasonable understanding of the building's age, unless "improvers" and modernisers have been at work with carpentry and paint.

The "great" room, entered by the house-door, has a large fireplace, with closed stair winding up back of it
---- the traditional Sussex plan brought up from Maryland.

The "added" room is opposite the fireplace. The paneling and other woodwork is excellent on both floors.

Later extensions to the north have been removed; there is still a small extension at the rear.

The Maull house is remembered because Jerome Bonaparte and his bride, Betsy Patterson, were sheltered there overnight.

The local chapter of the D.A.R. is restoring and maintaining the house.

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Addendum to:
Thomas Maul House
(Samuel Paynter House) (Maul Homestead)
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